

South Carolina. Dr. Meetze passed away on Thanksgiving Day after a brief illness.

During his 97 years, Dr. Meetze touched numerous lives. I had the honor of working with him during the 17 years I served in South Carolina's State Senate. Dr. Meetze was elected chaplain of the South Carolina Senate in January 1950 and served until his death. His 57 years of service make him the longest-serving chaplain of a legislative body in the history of our Nation.

Dr. Meetze spent his life in service to others, honorably working for his God, his community, and his country. He was a colonel and chief chaplain in the South Carolina State Guard, a past president of the South Carolina American Cancer Society, and a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Dr. Meetze was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

CONGRATULATING THE 2006 UNC WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an accomplishment for which my constituents and all North Carolinians have tremendous pride. The 2006 Lady Tarheels of the University of North Carolina have just claimed their 19th Women's Soccer National Championship, beating the Notre Dame Fighting Irish 2-1 in the title game last Sunday.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Anson Dorrance, Carolina women's Soccer has been the most dominant program in the history of college athletics, winning 18 of the last 25 national championships since the NCAA established the women's tournament.

The national title game capped off a stellar career for senior captain Heather O'Reilly, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Offensive Player, as well as for Carolina's other seniors. Junior Defender Robyn Gayle was named Most Outstanding Defense Player, and seven freshmen played for the Lady Tarheels in the game.

I also take great pride in the fact that the championship game took place in my district at the SAS Soccer Park in Cary. The sell-out crowd of more than 8,300 enthusiastic fans is a testament to the growing popularity of soccer in North Carolina and across the country.

So I extend my congratulations to the Lady Tarheels on their outstanding success, to a Notre Dame squad for a well-played tournament, and to the university community in Chapel Hill that has come to embrace women's soccer as one of its most precious gems.

Even the great Dean Smith, himself the winningest coach in college basket-

ball history, once remarked: "This is a women's soccer school. We're just trying to keep up with them."

TRIBUTE TO J.B. HUNT, SR.

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great Arkansan, a giant of American business who passed away yesterday morning, J.B. Hunt of Springdale, Arkansas.

He built a billion-dollar trucking business from humble beginnings, and in the span of a lifetime went from a sharecropper's son to the employer of over 16,000 people and a major force in shaping the economy of the Third District of Arkansas.

He donated to charities, he was very, very active in his church, and was known to carry \$100 bills in case he ran across somebody who needed help immediately. When asked why, he explained, I was hungry once, a lesson we can all learn from.

I knew him when I was a young man, when he had absolutely no idea who I was; and I knew him when I was a young professional in my community, and later on as his Congressman. He was the kind of man that treated me the same in regard to all of those stations in life.

He was a wonderful man, and certainly our prayers are with him, his wife Johnelle, his family, and his company which lives the American Dream every day.

THE DO-NOTHING CONGRESS AND A NEW DIRECTION

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, the differences between this session of Congress and the one that will begin next month will be vast. In this tale of two Congresses, let us compare the current "do-nothing" Congress, led by the Republican Majority, and the upcoming Democratic New Direction Congress.

The Republican "do-nothing" Congress that ends this week has set abysmal records for the fewest number of days worked and for defeating numerous important bills, or simply not bringing them forth at all. Now they will adjourn for good at the end of this week, long before they need to, without passing a budget for 9 of the 11 appropriation bills. It is shameful, Madam Speaker, but fortunately it is about to change.

In January, when the Democratic Majority takes control of this body, we will immediately begin to pass legislation that will benefit working families all across our country. Democrats will raise the minimum wage, pass ethics reform, lower the price of higher edu-

cation and prescription drugs, and repeal the needless tax breaks to big oil all within the first 100 hours of the next Congress.

Madam Speaker, Democrats will turn this do-nothing Congress into a body that works hard for all Americans.

HOMELAND AND BORDER SECURITY

(Ms. SEKULA GIBBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SEKULA GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss subjects of homeland security and border security as it relates to my District 22 in Texas, which is Houston, Sugar Land, and Clear Lake. That includes two distinct assets. One is Johnson Space Center, and one is Ellington Fields.

These two important assets require some additional funding that would have been discussed had the process allowed for a little more opportunity. But because of the lack of regular order, they may not be addressed in the continuing resolution that will be brought up either today or tomorrow.

On a positive note, there will be a Predator squadron placed at Ellington Field, but on a more concerning note, we may lose our F-16 jets, which provides excellent homeland security for petrochemical products that are made in our area, the Port of Houston, NASA, and the Texas Medical Center.

It is my hope that these two assets, both Johnson Space Center and Ellington Field, will be adequately funded in the very near future.

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WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1102 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1102

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 8, 2006.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 8, 2006, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. The Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). The gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mrs. CAPITO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, House Resolution 1102 waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee, against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on this legislative day.

The rule also provides that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day. The resolution also provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the minority leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

Madam Speaker, we have before us this morning a simple rule that will allow for the consideration of important final measures that must be addressed before we adjourn sine die. Most important is the consideration of the continuing resolution, which will continue funding of the government until February of 2007.

Although I am disappointed this Congress was unable to complete its spending bills for fiscal year 2007, we must consider and pass this continuing resolution before we leave tonight. It is my hope that in future Congresses we can work together with the other body to ensure we finish the appropriating process on schedule and in a fiscally responsible manner.

This balanced rule provides the minority with the ability to consult with the Speaker on any suspension that is offered, ensuring that their input and views are duly considered before any legislation considered under this rule is brought to the floor. This rule also allows for consideration of special rules reported on this day.

We are nearing the end of our session, always a chaotic time, and this rule will allow the House to finish its business in a timely fashion. I now ask my colleagues to support this rule so that we may continue the work of the American people in a timely fashion today. Completing consideration of these suspensions and remaining bills ensures that we may accomplish as much as possible in the final days of this Congress, and I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this balanced rule.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend, the gentlewoman from West Virginia, for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. MATSUI asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is disappointing we are adjourning after passing only 2 of the 13 appropriation bills that fund the Federal Government. We should have done better, and clearly we could have done better. Instead, we are leaving this year's unfinished business to the next Congress. That is far from the ideal way of handling our constitutional responsibilities.

Nonetheless, that is a reality, and we will deal with it as such when Congress returns next year under new leadership. But the American people should be assured that such a turn of events will not alter the focus of the next Congress. We will remain focused on the critical priorities of American families, priorities that were made clear in the recent election: a sensible energy policy, affordable health care for working families, reforming prescription drug benefits, honest wages for honest work, increasing homeland security, and responsible oversight of and a change in direction of our policy in Iraq.

I hope those issues will be addressed next year in a bipartisan manner, with open debate and a focus on concrete results for the American people.

The time to deal with those will come soon. The problem before us now is that the Federal Government shuts down at midnight tonight unless we invoke martial law under this rule. It concludes the 109th Congress on a less than satisfactory note, but it is nonetheless necessary.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5682, HENRY J. HYDE U.S.-INDIA PEACEFUL ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1101 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1101

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5682) to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN); pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, House Resolution 1101 allows for consideration of the conference report on House Resolution 5682, the Henry J. Hyde United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act of 2006. It provides for a closed rule with 1 hour general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. It waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration, and it provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

The underlying bill is not only an excellent bipartisan bill, but also a tribute to the skill and wisdom of one of the body's most distinguished and respected representatives, the Honorable HENRY HYDE, Chairman of the House Committee on International Relations, a representative from Illinois's Sixth Congressional District for the last 32 years.

It is fitting that this underlying bill is named after Chairman HYDE, in recognition for his long and faithful service and commitment to American ideals as well as nonproliferation activities. Yesterday we had many people pay their respect to this great man, and this is a fitting conclusion with this bill today.

I would also be remiss if I did not also thank the ranking member, Representative LANTOS of California, for his repeated efforts and his strong efforts in pushing this legislation forward and the hard work he also put in, in a dedicated and respected manner, to come up with a truly bipartisan bill and a bipartisan conference report.

We should also thank the conferees for their efforts to come in here with a conference report that is focused, that is clean, that is direct and without extraneous materials added to it. It is one that actually goes to the heart of the issue in a very direct report and is a very good conference report.

To the substance of the bill, which was passed on July 26 of this year by an overwhelming majority, with 359 of our colleagues supporting the bill, it contained a myriad of important measures, beginning with a Sense of Congress Resolution that the preventing of proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, the means to produce them, and the means to deliver them are critical objectives